

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend paragraph [0003] as follows:

[0003] This application is a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 08/956,740 filed on October 23, 1997, which issued on April 10, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,215,778; which is a continuation division of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/669,775 filed on June 27, 1996, which issued on August 25, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,799,010; which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/000,775 filed on June 30, 1995. ~~This application is also a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/003,104 filed on January 6, 1998, which issued on January 30, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,181,949; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/670,162 filed on June 27, 1996, which issued on November 24, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,841,768. This application is also a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/304,286 filed on May 3, 1999, which issued on June 26, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,252,866; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/671,068 filed on June 27, 1996, which issued on August 17, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,940,382. This application is also a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/354,042 filed on July 15, 1999, which issued on August 19, 2003 as U.S. Patent No. 6,608,825; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/671,067 filed on June 27, 1996, which issued on September 14, 1999 as U.S. Patent No. 5,953,346. This application is also a continuation-in-part to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/129,580 filed on August 6, 1998, which issued on February 13, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,187,424; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/670,160 filed on June 27, 1996, which issued on November 26, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,487,190. This application is also a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/079,600 filed on May 15, 1998, which issued on June 11, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,405,272; which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/671,221 filed on June 27, 1996, which issued on May 19, 1998 as U.S. Patent No. 5,754,803.~~